FINAL CHAPTER IN THIS SECRET LOVE COMEDY
YOU.., YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME?
YES, UM.., WHEN ARE YOU FREE?
WELL, UH.., TODAY I...
I-I-IF YOU'RE SEEING SENSEI TODAY WE CAN ALWAYS TALK LATER!
SORRY I SAW YOU TWO TALKING JUST NOW...
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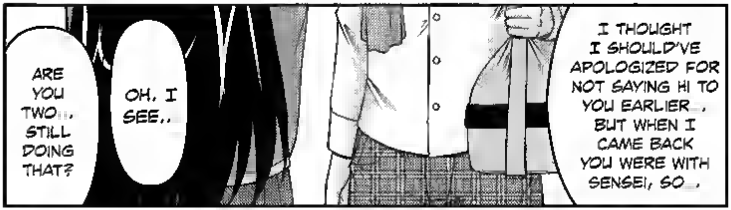
I THOUGHT I SHOULD'VE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT SAYING HI TO YOU EARLIER..., BUT WHEN I CAME BACK YOU WERE WITH SENSEI, SO...
OH, I SEE..
ARE YOU TWO..., STILL DOING THAT?

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EH?!
AH... I'M NOT DOING ANY OF THIS JUST SO YOU'D LIKE ME OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY WORDS TO HEART!
NO, WHEN YOU GOT MAD AT ME, MY EYES WERE OPENED ...
REALLY! I HAD NO RIGHT TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO!
HUH? NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT...
I... I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE LOVED BY SOMEONE AS WONDERFUL AS YOU!
KIZAKI -SAN?
WHAT IS IT, THAT YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
UMM THANK YOU... ...

SENSEI~
AH! SHOU-KUN!
SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?

NO, BUT... I THINK THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE NOISY FOR US TO TALK...
I THINK SO TOO. BUT LET'S SAVE THAT FOR LATER
FOR NOW, LET'S JUST HAVE SOME FUN!
EH!?
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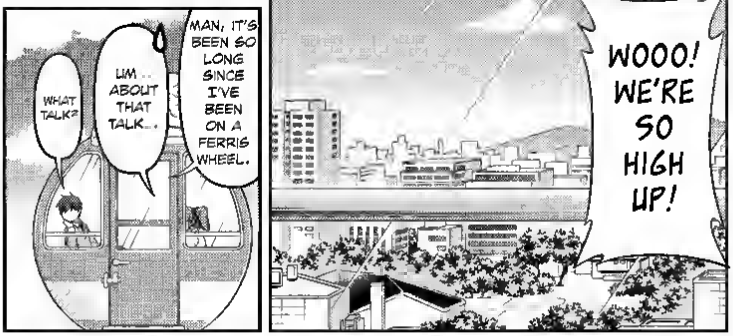
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE'RE AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK! SO OF COURSE WE'D HAVE TO GET SOME AMUSEMENT!
EEH?! BUT DIDN'T WE COME HERE TO - WHY ARE YOU TAKING MY HAND?
YOU SHOULD BE OKAY WITH HOLDING HANDS, RIGHT? SHOW ME THE FRUITS OF YOUR HARD WORK!
EH?!?! WAIT, WHAT?!


WOOO! WE'RE SO HIGH UP!
MAN, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE BEEN ON A FERRIS WHEEL.
UM.. ABOUT THAT TALK...
WHAT TALK?

THE TALK WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE LAST WEEK, WHICH YOU POSTPONED TO THIS WEEK...
You said you weren't feeling well...
OH YEAH, RIGHT.
SO?
YEAH, YEAH... TALKING ...
ANYWAY, SENSEI.. ARE YOU HAVING FUN RIGHT NOW?
EH? UM, YES I LIKE AMUSEMENT PARKS ERIKA-SENPAI AND I GO TO THEM OFTEN ..
NO, NO, NO.

I MEANT SPENDING TIME WITH ME.

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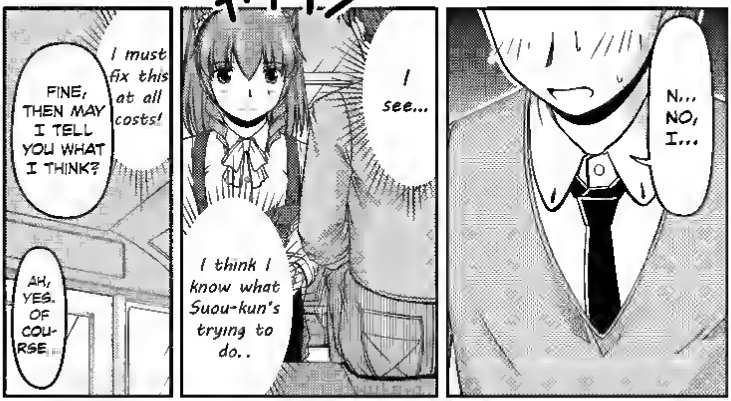
SUOU-KUN'S FINALLY LOST IT!!
WHO THE HELL IS THIS MR BIGSHOT DOUCHEBAG THAT'S TOTALLY GROSSING ME OUT?!

We were supposed to just talk but now it's like he's taking me out on a date...

ARE YOU, PERHAPS, PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE TO CHEER ME UP?
WHAT? NO! OF COURSE NOT! HAHA, WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
I'M JUST SO RELIEVED THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP THAT SECRET.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BLAME ME?
I CAN'T BLAME YOU, SENSEI.
YOU CAN'T BLAME ME? ARE YOU SAYING YOU ACCEPT OUR RELATIONSHIP?
TAKING ME ON THIS SPONTANEOUS DATE JUST LIKE WE USED TO DO FOR PRACTICE...
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU WANT TO CONTINUE BEING SEXLESS FRIENDS?


N,,, NO, I...
I see...
I think I know what Suou-kun's trying to do..
I must fix this at all costs!
FINE, THEN MAY I TELL YOU WHAT I THINK?
AH, YES. OF COURSE.

THIS MESS IS ENTIRELY MY FAULT.
IT WAS MY PLAN THAT BROUGHT US TO THE ABSOLUTE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO.

AND NOW THAT OUR TRUE FEELINGS TOWARDS EACH OTHER HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY WE COULD POSSIBLE SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE.

ADVICE?
NO... NOTHING, NEVER MIND.
GOOD. BECAUSE I'VE HAD MORE THAN MY SHARE OF MEDDLING.

THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO...
BUT AT LEAST LET ME COME TO YOU FOR ADVICE

EH?
IF YOU'RE REALLY WILLING TO GO THAT FAR, CONTINUE TO COME TO ME FOR ADVICE FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

I DIDN'T MEAN THAT KIND OF ADVICE! I REALLY, GENUINELY
THEN LET'S BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER.

WHA?! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE..
AS SEXLESS FRIENDS...
NO...
NOT AS SEXLESS FRIENDS.. BUT..
AS REAL ...
ACTUAL, LOVERS
...EH...

SENSEI! ARE YOU SAYING-
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THIS ALONE!
YOU'RE YOU'RE SHAKING AGAIN! STOP PUSHING YOURSELF!
ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME AGAIN?
YOU'RE ALWAYS STICKING YOUR NOSE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS...
BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU SUCH A KIND AND SWEET GENTLE-MAN...
EEH ?!?!
WE NEVER DID HAVE THAT BREAK UP KISS... DID WE...
SO THIS...
IS OUR NEW BEGINNING...

I...
I CAN'T!!
BUWAAH
I CAN'T DO IT!!
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BUT, DIDN'T YOU ALSO SAY YOU COULDN'T DO IT EITHER?
THAT'S BECA-USE...
SEE?! I KNEW YOU COULDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IT!
...!?
You were lying the whole time
KISSING IS TOO HIGH OF A HURDLE TO CROSS!!
YOU HAVEN'T IMPROVED ONE BIT!!
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BUT I HAD TO FORCE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS OUT NO MATTER WHAT...
Please tell me I did a good job...
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EH?! SO... WHEN YOU SAID YOU LIKED ME...
YE... YES, THAT WAS A LIE TOO...
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OH...
OKAY, FINE, IT WASN'T A LIE!!
I WASN'T LYING, BUT I STILL WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY!
I... SPOKE WITH KIZAKI-SAN, ON THE NIGHT YOU BROKE OUR PROMISE.
EH?!
SO... YOU KNEW FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING...
YES...

I NEVER KNEW KIZAKI-SAN ALSO HAD A FEAR OF GETTING CLOSE TO SOMEONE...
YEAH... BECAUSE OF SOMEONE SHE KNEW IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...
THAT IS THE SACRED DUTY OF GIRLS...
BUT THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME WITH BOYS..
SHE WAS AT SUCH A YOUNG, IMMATURE AGE. IT WAS HER FIRST TIME BEING ASKED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SO OF COURSE SHE'D BE SCARED
YOU REALLY DO NEED TO PROTECT YOUR INNOCENCE UNTIL YOU'VE BECOME A MATURE ADULT!!
JUST LIKE "HIM"...
I WAS SO SHOCKED, I PANICKED...

I WAS SO SCARED I CRIED. BUT HE REMAINED CALM AND DIDN'T PUSH ME...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE BROKE UP...
I'M FINE WITH BEING JUST FRIENDS... BUT WHENEVER THE TALK ABOUT DATING COMES UP, I INSTANTLY REMEMBER THAT MOMENT...
I RESENTED HIM..., EVEN THOUGH I LIKED HIM.
I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE SINCE...
I'M AFRAID OF LOVE.
I GUESS ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE...
BUT WHEN I LOOK BACK AS AN ADULT, HE WAS JUST ASKING FOR THE AFFECTION ANY NORMAL PERSON WOULD GIVE...
I JUST KEPT HOLDING ON TO THE ILLUSION THAT LOVE WOULD FIND ITS WAY EVENTUALLY.

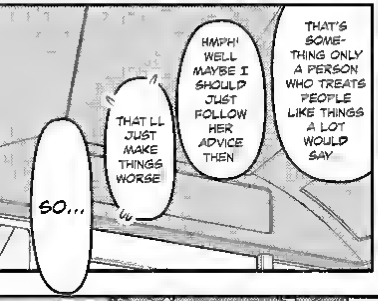
I CANNOT SYMPATHIZE WITH TWO PEOPLE IN A RELATIONSHIP.
BUT I THINK IT'S BEST TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.
WITH SUCH A TERRIBLE PAST.
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY MOVE ON?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! YOU WERE HURT SO BAD YOU COULDN'T EVEN LOVE ANYMORE!
IT WAS DEFINITELY A DEEP WOUND. BUT... I CAN'T SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE BLAMING IT ALL ON HIM AND REJECTING EVERY SINGLE MAN IN MY LIFE...
THAT IS WHY I CANNOT BE IN A RELATIONSHIP RIGHT NOW. I CAN'T EVEN TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT LOVE...
I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE. I LET MY EMOTIONS GET THE BEST OF ME...
NO, IT'S OKAY
"I don't do relationships".
"I can't return your feelings!!"
So that's why...

BUT IF YOU REALLY ARE A NICE GUY...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO KIND...
I'D LIKE TO FINALLY MOVE FORWARD...
CAN I... TELL YOU SOMETHING?

SHE PURPOSELY WANTED OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CONTINUE...
IF OUR RELATIONSHIP STOPPED, YOU AND KIZAKI-SAN MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN TOO CLOSE FOR HER COMFORT...
YEAH...
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT BEFORE...
NO WONDER YOU ACTED ALL COOL AND TRIED TO SKIP ALL THE EMOTIONAL TALKING TODAY!
YOU'RE HAPPY THAT YOU CAN FINALLY BE TOGETHER WITH KIZAKI-SAN!!
SH-SHE HASN'T TOLD ME HER DECISION YET! WE'RE STILL JUST FRIENDS!!
She's still afraid of love, remember?
ARE YOU LOSING YOUR HEAD WAITING FOR HER ANSWER?
WELL... THE THING IS...
SHE'S GIVING ME HER ANSWER... TODAY... AFTER I MET UP WITH YOU... BUT I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT...

EVEN WHEN I SPOKE WITH ERIKA-SENPAI, SHE TOLD ME, "JUST GIVE HIM TO HER!" AS IF YOU'RE JUST AN OBJECT...
GEEZ SO MANY MEDDLING KIDS.

YES... SHE TOLD ME.
THAT SHE'D SUPPORT US IF WE DECIDED TO PURSUE THESE NEW FEELINGS WE HAVE TOWARDS EACH OTHER...


THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY A PERSON WHO TREATS PEOPLE LIKE THINGS A LOT WOULD SAY
HMPH! WELL MAYBE I SHOULD JUST FOLLOW HER ADVICE THEN
THAT'LL JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE
SO...

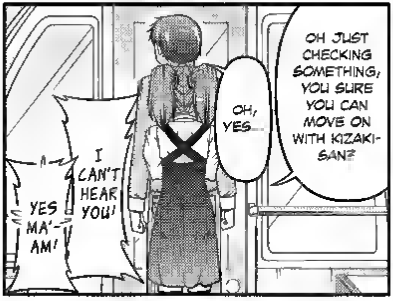
HAVE YOU DECIDED YET?

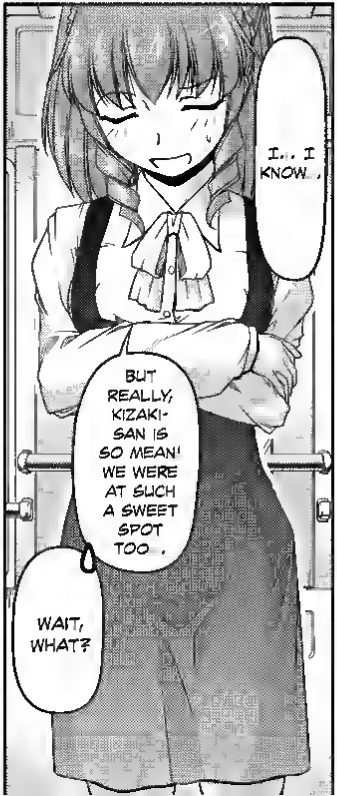
THANK YOU SO MUCH, SENSEI.

YOU'VE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP ME ALL THIS TIME.
I NEVER WENT OUT OF MY WAY..
IT IS YOU, SENSEI THAT HAS GIVEN ME HOPE OF A FUTURE TOGETHER WITH KIZAKI-SAN. I ACTED LIKE IT BOTHERED ME, BUT I THANK YOU, SENSEI.
I WAS SO NERVOUS ABOUT OUR FIRST REAL DATE... I JUST REALLY WANTED TO BE OF HELP TO YOU ONE LAST TIME...
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ACTING LIKE THAT... BUT I'M GLAD.
YOU AND I FINALLY HAD A REAL DATE.
I'M GLAD TOO...

STOP TALKING... YOU'RE SUCH A KIND AND GENTLE LITTLE FOOL...
AW, LOOKS LIKE THE RIDE'S OVER.
THIS IS WHERE WE PART.
YEAH...
YOU NEED TO REPORT TO KIZAKI-SAN.
YEAH.

HURRY! OFF YOU GO!
EH? WELL IT'S NOT LIKE I'M IN A HURRY OR ANYTHING ...
LISTEN WELL. NO MATTER WHAT, ALWAYS PUSH FORWARD. NEVER LOOK BACK.


OH JUST CHECKING SOMETHING, YOU SURE YOU CAN MOVE ON WITH KIZAKI-SAN?
OH, YES.
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
YES MA'-AM!


I... I KNOW.
BUT REALLY, KIZAKI-SAN IS SO MEAN! WE WERE AT SUCH A SWEET SPOT TOO.
WAIT, WHAT?

CALL HER RIGHT AWAY!!
YES MA'-AM!
STARTING TOMORROW, WE ARE JUST STUDENT AND TEACHER!!
YES MA'-AM!
NO MORE MEDDLING!!
YES MA'-AM!
LOOK ONLY AT KIZAKI-SAN AND NO ONE ELSE!!
YES MA'-AM!!

YOU LOVED ME!!
YES MA-
WAIT WHAT?!
THANK YOU...
I LOVED YOU TOO... PAST TENSE...
GOOD LUCK...

AH!
HE'S SO REFRESHINGLY HANDSOME!
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IT'S THE PRINCE!

GOOD MORNING!!
WOAH!
HEY, THAT WAS MEAN!
SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY.
HE REALLY IS BAD WITH GIRLS!
Please don't touch me...
Uh... um...
BUT MAYBE HE'S INTO MOTHERLY GIRLS?
THE GIRLS LIKE YOU EVEN WHEN YOU SHOW YOUR TRUE SELF?! YOU LUCKY SON OF A-
DWAAH!

I'LL TURN YOU INTO "JUST A FRIEND" FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
I WANNA PUNCH HIS PRETTY LITTLE FACE.
KOSHI-MOCCHI! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH THIS GUY THAT HAS IT ALL?
YOH-YOHEI!
RYOU-CHAN!!
HAH?! IT'S BEEN A FREAKIN MONTH ALREADY! GROW THE HELL UP!
KO-KOSHI MOTO-SAN. PLEASE DON'T STAND SO CLOSE TO ME...
HEY, MEGU?
AND SHOU-KUN, GET ALONG WITH RYOU-CHAN!
OH! ENTER KIZAKI-SAN!
IF YOU WANT HIM TO GET USED TO GIRLS, THEN YOU SHOULD ACT MORE LIKE A GIRL!

She touched me...
[illegible] this is happening...
AH!!
HE'S WEAKEST AGAINST YOU THE MOST...

I JUST WANT YOU TO MEET HIM ONCE!!
HE'S NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF GUY YOU HATE!

Are you sure you wanna be goin out with a guy like this?
I like him! He is kind to me!!

HAAAWW COME ON!!
OOH.
HELLO? HELLO ?!?!
AW! DON'T HANG UP!!
ME? I'M STILL TOO SCARED! I'M TRYING TO GET USED TO MEN AND SOMEDAY I WILL BECOME SOMEONE'S BRIDE!

MORNIN' HIME-SENSEI!
OH, GOOD MORNING.
YO!
OH, KOSHIMOTO-SAN, YOU ACTUALLY CAME TO SCHOOL FOR ONCE!
GOOD MORNING, SENSEI.
GOOD MORNING!

GOOD MORNING YOU TWO.
THANK YOU FOR READING! PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR HIDETAKA-SENSEI'S NEXT MANGA!!
END